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MEDIA ADVISORY

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 6

Video: http://bit.ly/1hb2IOP

FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro Joins Consumer Advocates, Moving Industry and State Regulators at National Moving Month Kick-Off

WHAT: National Moving Month Kick Off

WHEN: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 6

WHERE: Better Business Bureau® parking lot, 1005 La Posada Drive, Austin, Texas

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, the press event will move inside to the BBB conference room.

PARKING: Click here for details on media parking: http://go.bbb.org/1fuleAQ

Anne Ferro, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) administrator, headquartered in Washington, D.C., will help kick off National Moving Month with Better Business Bureau (BBB_®), Southwest Movers Association (SMA) and Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to help teach consumers how to hire a moving company and avoid moving scams as well as educating Texans about resources available to them, and penalties for rogue operators.

May marks the beginning of the busiest moving season for Texans, which is also when unscrupulous operators are most likely to take advantage of consumers.

The event will highlight consumer protection legislation and safe moving tips. On social media, you can interact and follow the event by using the hashtag **#MoveSafeTX**.

SPEAKERS:

- Anne Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Linda Bauer Darr, President, American Moving & Storage Association
- Carrie A. Hurt, President/CEO, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin
- Whitney Brewster, Executive Director, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
- John D. Esparza, Executive Director, Southwest Movers Association
- Rogue mover victims will be on hand to share their stories.
- Spanish speakers will be available for media interviews.

VISUALS:

- SMA's Pinnacle Movers, an elite group of companies who adhere to high information ethical standards and professional competence, and movers that are BBB Accredited Businesses, which are businesses that also abide by a strict set of standards, will be on hand with moving trucks for onsite demonstrations of best practices.
- Each group will also have tables to disseminate important moving tips.